

Principles

of

Group Names

Group naming policy workshop

Summer
Assembly 2025



Overview

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Introduction

Time: 5~10 Minutes

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Materials

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Group Activity

Time: 25 minutes

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Share

Time: 10 ~ 15 minutes

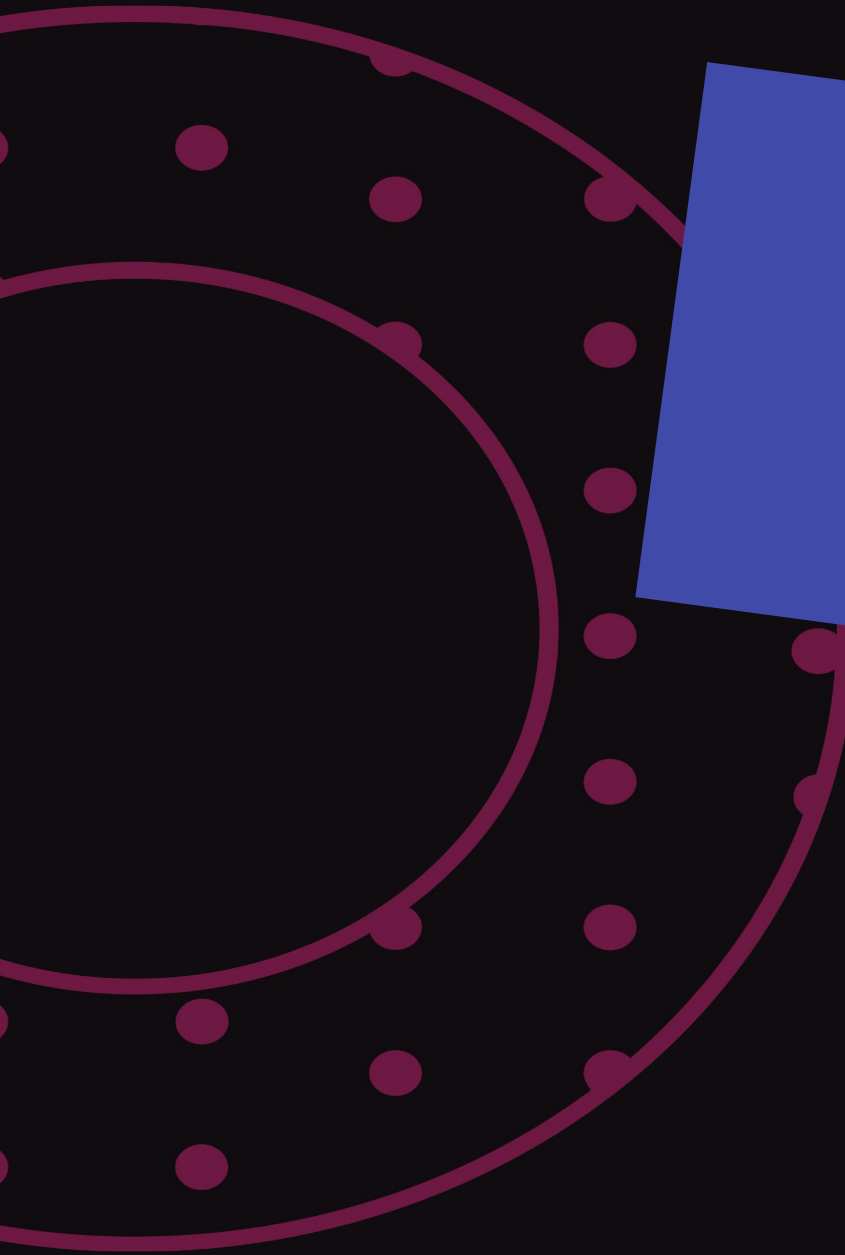


What is

the

conversation

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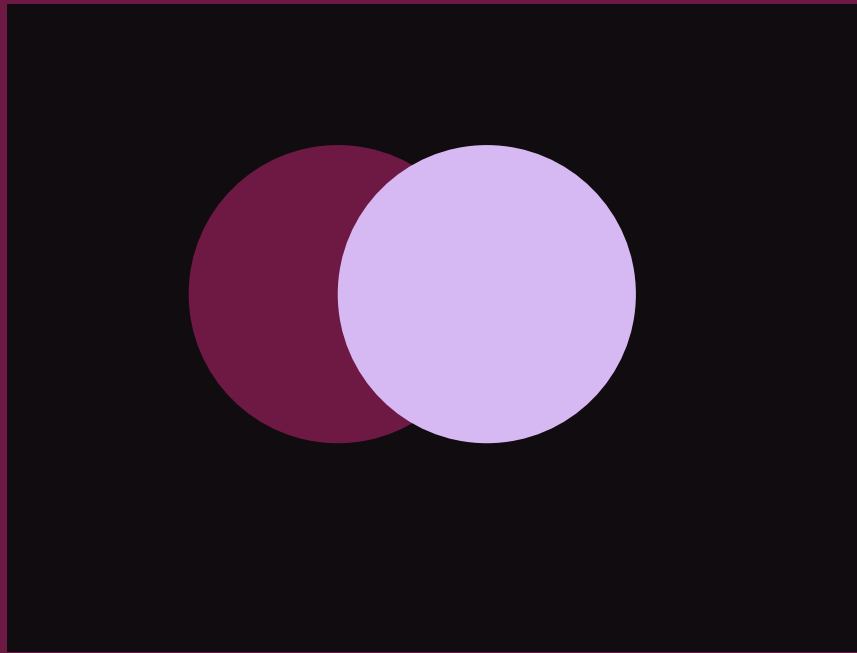
WSO

Group Naming

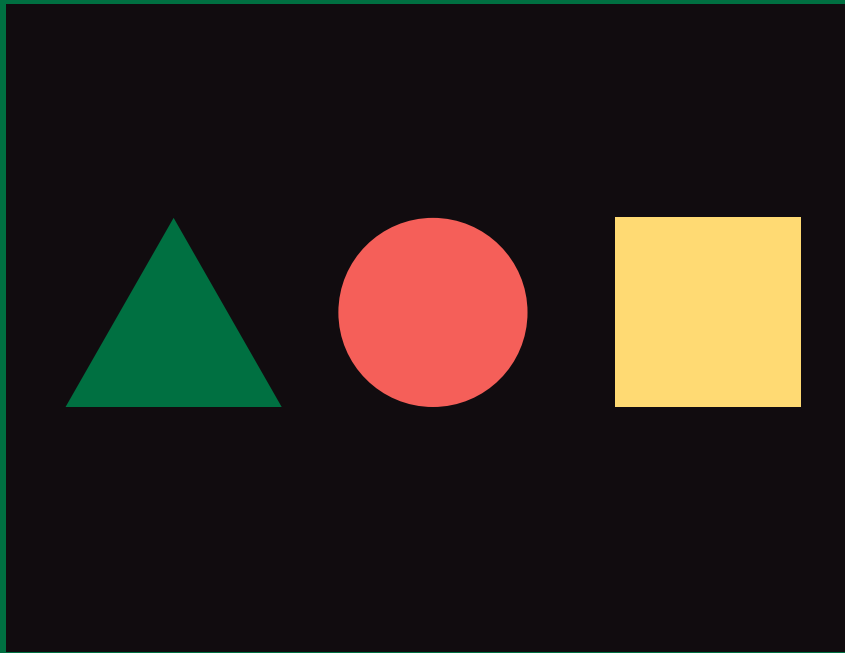
Policy

Timeline

KEY PRINCIPLES



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Tradition 4

Key Takeaways from WSC 2025

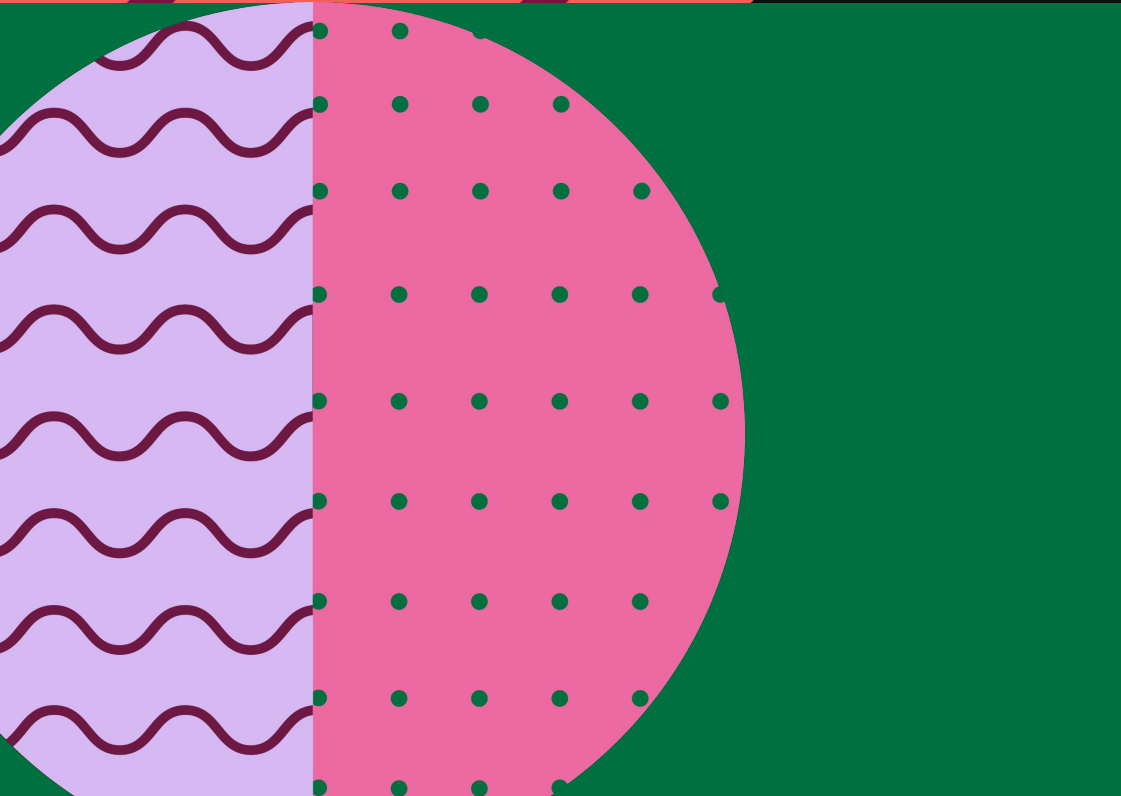
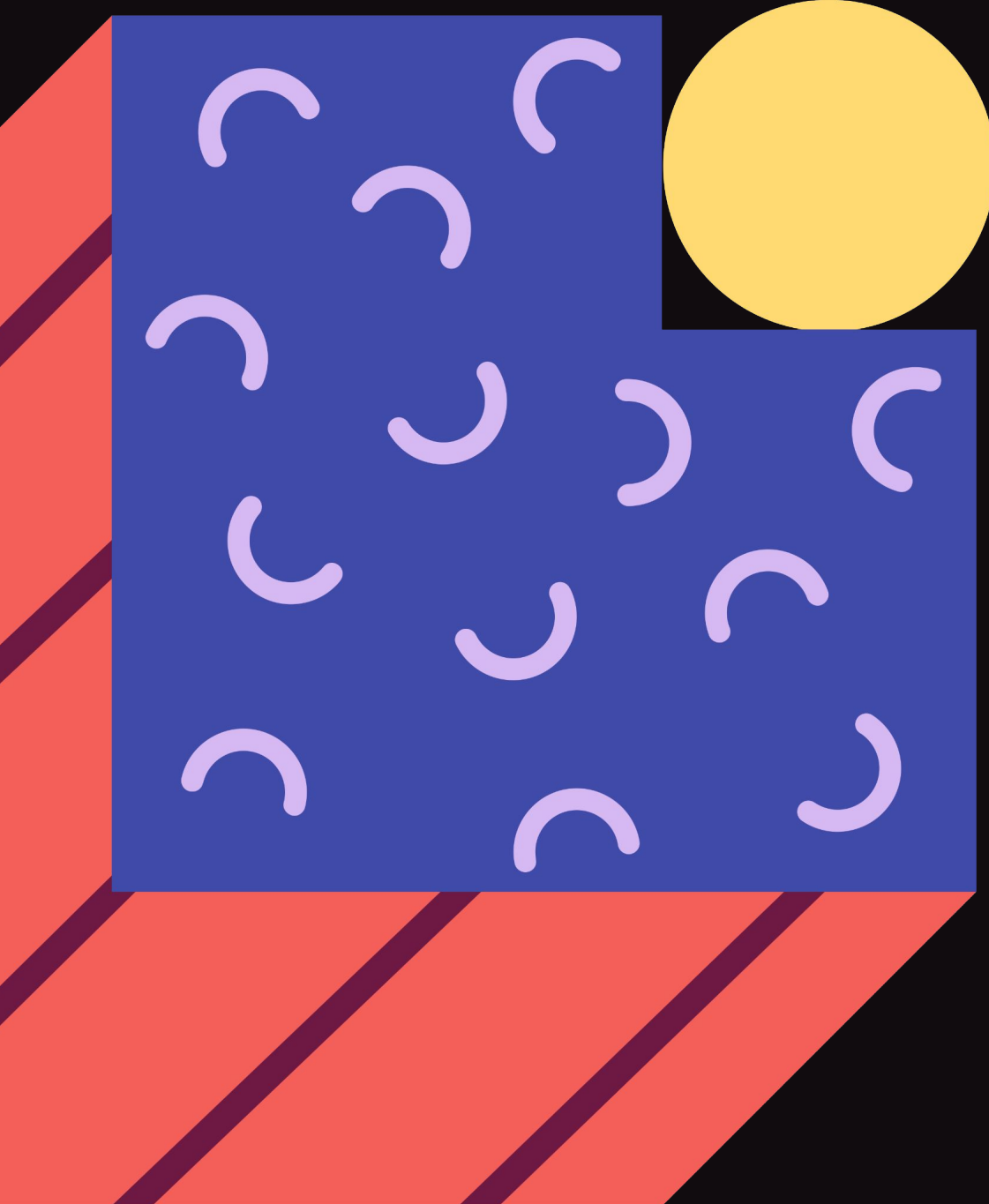
- WSO will not ask existing groups to change names if they update their records, but subject to policy if they want to change their name.
- WSO does not apply policies retroactively
- WSO does not use identifiers as outside affiliation
- Staff need guidance on their delegated authority
- Some Groups are concerned that disallowing group identifiers in the names will reduce newcomers
- If we got rid of this policy then we would revert to the old policy

- **Reference Document (in both English and Spanish)**
- **WSO Documents:**
 - Background on WSO Naming Policy
 - 2025 Policy Timeline
 - Policy Committee Statement on Group Names
 - Choosing a Group Names Implementation Statement

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1vxC-WlblqeGUBqBhvGHheqb6eaYrq8my?usp=sharing>

Materials





Group Work Time
25 minutes

Guiding Questions to Consider

If you were a newcomer would you go to a meeting with identifiers that you don't identify with? Why or why not? (EX: Men's AFG / Women's AFG/ Parent's AFG/ LGBTQ+ AFG)

How is your group name serving Al-Anon's primary purpose?

Discuss whether your group is welcoming and open to all, regardless of its name.

What are the advantages or disadvantages of having identifiers in Al-Anon group names?



Thank

You!

Share your group's thoughts

Time: 10 ~ 15 minutes